
FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK
Guidance and Instruction
AGRICULTURE OUTLEASE PROGRAM

1. **Purpose and Scope:**

Provide general information and guidance on Fort Campbell's Agriculture Outlease Program and inform EQO's of issues affecting training.

2. **References:**

AR 200-3, "Natural Resources - Land, Forest and Wildlife Management," Chapter 6, February 1995.
DA PAM 420-7, "Natural Resources Land, Forest, and Wild Management", Chapter 2, May 1977.

3. **Definitions:**

As found in references listed above.

4. **General:**

- a. "Leasing of land for uses which are compatible with mission requirements can reduce installation maintenance efforts, provide opportunities for accomplishing land maintenance by the lessee at no cost to the installation, provide funds which the Army can use to support leasing efforts and other natural resources requirements and support community relations and local economy."
- b. The Ag Lease Program began in 1965 and is one of the most effective tools for enhancing and maintaining training lands for the Installation with no OMA dollars. The revenue is collected by the Louisville COE and forwarded to the U.S. Treasury. It is then deposited to the Army account established for the purpose of redistribution to the Outleasing for Grazing and Agriculture on Military Lands.
- c. The program provides diverse training land, supports the control of wildfire danger, ensures soil, water and air compliance and also provides wildlife habitats and food sources. Lessees have standards they comply with annually; must crop, disk or mow field; must leave a 10-15 foot grassed buffered strip around entire field where established; must provide soil test analysis for 1st and 3rd years of lease and must report pesticide usage in accordance with AR 200-5.

5. **Responsibilities:**

- a. The Commander/Director is responsible for ensuring guidance and EQO instructions are followed during his/her tenure.
- b. The EQO Is responsible for initiating a unit program to disseminate information acquired during the bimonthly EQO meeting.

6. **Instruction:**

- a. Consider using open fields whenever possible instead of crop land. **Lessees are not compensated for crop damage.**
- b. Consider recovery of all digging operations and removing items from fields. Concertina wire and/or pickets and farm machinery don't mix.

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- c. Consider using grassed edges instead of middle of fields.
- d. Consider wet soil conditions before entering the fields.
- e. Consider using the contour of the slope instead of driving straight UP the hill.

7. Additional Guidance:

- a. For additional guidance, information, and answers to your questions, contact PWBC Environmental Division, Conservation Branch, 798- 9856.
- b. For future reference, place this document behind *Tab Number 12* in your Fort Campbell Environmental Handbook.